

## State of Maine



**WHEREAS**, the world has been transformed by technology making modern life more efficient, accessible, richer and faster; and

**WHEREAS**, the modern world demands that the United States have a highly trained workforce in order to compete in the global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, most industries and practices have embraced technology and used it to improve the way they do things; and

**WHEREAS**, education has yet to have captured the potential that effective use of technology can provide new ways to offer students improved and personalized instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, when done correctly, the infusion of digital learning and the effective use of technology in schools can help personalize and improve the learning of every child; and

**WHEREAS**, digital learning and the effective use of technology can assist every teacher to do their job more effectively by providing real time data to track individual student progress, create improved and efficient learning processes that gives teachers more time to spend with each student, and eliminate the bureaucratic administrative burdens that take time away from teaching; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation has a growing fiscal crisis affecting state education budgets, a teacher shortage, and lack of a skilled workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, more schools and teachers are exploring the use of high quality digital learning and the effective use of technology to improve student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that any new change in learning methods and infusion of technology in schools be done so in a high-quality manner that best helps every student and ensures public funding is being spent appropriately; and

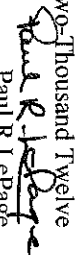
**WHEREAS**, the first ever national Digital Learning Day will occur on February 1, 2012 in order to educate teachers, students, schools, parents, policymakers, and the public on ways to successfully integrate high-quality digital learning and the effective use of technology to help improve the learning of every student,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPAGE**, do hereby recognize February 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 as

## DIGITAL LEARNING DAY

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In testimony whereof, I have caused  
the Great Seal of the State to be  
hereunto affixed GIVEN under my  
hand at Augusta this seventeenth  
day of January Two-Thousand Twelve

  
Paul R. LePage

Governor

Charles E. Summers, Jr.

Secretary of State

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